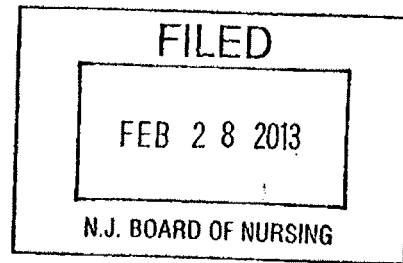


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STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR	:	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
REVOCATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF	:	
	:	FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE
Charlotte Puzziferro, C.H.H.A.	:	
Certificate No. 26NH12499200	:	
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HOMEMAKER HOME HEALTH AIDE	:	
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Charlotte Puzziferro, C.H.H.A., ("Respondent") was certified as a homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey on January 3, 2011.

2. On or about May 8, 2012, the Board sent an inquiry to Respondent's address of record, via regular and certified mail, return receipt request. The inquiry requested that Respondent provide information concerning Respondent's recent termination from Right at Home for sleeping with her head on the client's table and subsequently testing positive for marijuana. The certified mail was delivered and signed by Respondent on May 21, 2012. The regular mail was not returned.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's failure to respond to the Board's letter constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h) in that Respondent has failed to cooperate with the Board's investigation in contravention of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2 & 1.3.

DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline (POD) was entered by this Board on August 6, 2012 provisionally suspending Respondent's certificate to practice as a Certified Homemaker-Health Aide in the State of New Jersey until such time as Respondent cooperates with the Board's investigation by providing the Board with responses to the Board letter sent on or about May 8, 2012, including but not limited to, documentation concerning allegation that Respondent was terminated from Right at Home for sleeping with her head on the client's table and subsequently tested positive for marijuana. The POD further stated that the Board assessed fine, penalty and

investigative cost in the amount of \$200.00. The POD was sent to Respondent's address of record via regular and Certified Mail. The Provisional Order of Discipline clearly stated that it was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Thereafter, Respondent provided answers to the demand which the Board deems sufficient but failed to provide any reason why she failed to reply to the Demand in a timely manner.

Accordingly, the Board found that although Respondent's answer to the allegation is sufficient and suspension of Respondent's certificate is no longer warranted, Respondent is responsible for ensuring that all Board inquiries are answered in a timely fashion. Therefore, the fine in the amount of \$200.00 is imposed.

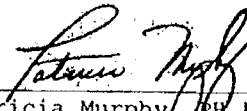
ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 28th day of February, 2013,

ORDERED that:

Respondent shall remit payment of a fine and penalty pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25 in the amount of \$200.00 by certified check or money order payable to the State of New Jersey, delivered to Executive Director George Hebert, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Payment shall be made no later than fifteen (15) days **after** the entry date of this Final Order of Discipline in this matter.

In the event Respondent fails to make a timely payment, a Certificate of Debt shall be filed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:1-24 and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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